

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, November 8, 2020 – 10:00 AM

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

PRAISE

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

People: With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Leader: Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

People: God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Leader: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

People: Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens! AMEN.

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain about those things in our lives that are difficult.

Sometimes we focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated – you call us beloved. We feel lost – you seek us. We feel broken and battered – your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Turn again to the Lord, for you are beloved of God and have been given many blessings. Rejoice in God's love for you. Amen.

Hymn: *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* #551, vs 1&3

1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling,
do not pass me by.

Refrain:
Savior, Savior,
hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling,
do not pass me by.

3 Trusting only in your merit,
would I seek your face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by your grace. [Refrain]

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Luke 17.11-19

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Message *"The Other Nine"* Pastor Don Francois

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: *We Praise You, O God* #420, vs. 1 & 2

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, in life's struggles we win.

Benediction

Postlude